

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph 0003 with the following paragraph:

The present inventors have searched a parallel access technique using a plurality of non-volatile memories. The first matter which has been considered is a relation between the storage areas and the alternate control function when an access error has occurred. When an access error such as write error has occurred in, for example, a hard disc compatible memory disc, the alternation (substitution) of storage areas is performed in unit of sector. If the alternation is performed in unit of sector when data of one sector is distributed over a plurality of non-volatile memories, the storage area of a flash memory in which no writing error has occurred may be alternated. This wastes the storage area of the non-volatile memories, resulting in a shortened period of time which is taken for the memory to become non-alternative.